respectively as per information available.

(b) and (c) 4757 and 6417 hospitals are run by Government/local bodies and private/voluntary agencies respectively. The average number of persons served by a hospital was 76082 per year.

(d) The plan envisages establishment of a community health centre for 80,000-1,20,000 population in a phased manner.

Circular Railway in Calcutta

*733. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Circular Railway in Calcutta could not be completed due to the non-availability of Calcutta Port Trust land;

(b) if so, what steps the Railway Ministry has undertaken to pursue the CPT authorities for the required land;

(c) what is the present status; and

(d) what does the Railway Ministry propose to complete the circle?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Railway administration held a series of discussions with CPT authorities at various levels and the matter was also taken up with the Ministry of Surface Transport at the highest level.

(c) Sanctioned project of Calcutta Circular Railway from Dum Dum to Princepghat (13.5 Km.) has already been completed and commissioned for traffic on 17.6.1990. However, the proposal of extension from Princepghat to Majerhat (5.5 Km.) could not be finalised as the CPT authorities are not agreeable to part with their land through which the proposed alignment passes.

(d) Under the circumstances, as an alternative, Elevated Track through Customs Bonded area as well as Garden Reach Road and Circular Garden Reach Road has since been considered. A feasibility survey has been taken up with target of July, 1994. Further action depends on results of the survey.

Permanent Residence Card to NRIs

*734. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to provide permanent residence card to Non-Resident Indians;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal;

(c) the number of NRIs likely to be benefited by the proposal; and

(d) whether a proposal to accord dual citizenship to NRIs has finally been rejected; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) (a) and (b) Government has had under consideration for some time a proposal to issue PIO Cards to Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) to facilitate entry, exit, stay, movement and investment in the country. The Government has not yet taken any final decision on the proposal.

(c) There are over 9 million persons of Indian origin who have taken foreign citizenship apart from over 3 million Indian citizens resident abroad.

(d) The Constitution of India and the Citizenship Act, 1955 do not recognise the concept of dual citizenship.

Loss to the Exchequer in Jammu and Kashmir

*735. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention

has been drawn to a report published in the 'Sunday Observer' of 22nd May, 1994 under the heading, "Militants' Fatwa holds J & K staff to ransom";

(b) if so, what are the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the accounts of the J&K Government had not been audited for the last 12 years and that a section of officialdom in the State was known to be in collusion with the militants resulting in siphoning off of huge Government funds;

(d) if so, what are the facts and details in this regard;

(e) whether it is also a fact that there is non-payment of water and electricity bills, non-deduction of income tax of employees at source, non-payment of telephone bills, bank loans by the people in the Valley and if so, since when these dues are not paid;

(f) what are the details in this regard;

(g) what is the amount of annual loss caused to the exchequer during each of the last three years; and

(h) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to check the rampant corruption in the State administration and to recover the outstanding dues mentioned above?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the Press report in question. As per available information, threats by some self-styled militant organisations against submission of property statements by Government servants and payment of taxes, etc. have occasionally appeared in sections of the local media.

(c) and (d) The Reports and Accounts of the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir for the year 1988-89 have already been certified by the comptroller & Auditor General of India. The Reports & Accounts for the subsequent years are in the process of compliation by the State Accountant General.

(e) to (h) There have been reports from time to time of involvement of some State Government employees with militants and of misuse of funds meant for development purposes. Whenever, specific complaints are received in this respect, appropriate inquiries are conducted, including inquiries by the Vigilance Department. The State Government has been advised to further strengthen and intensify the activities of the Vigilance Department which is being done, and to ensure proper utilisation of funds through close monitoring and supervision of works and expenditure thereon.

It is true that the revenues of the State Government have been adversely affected on account of disturbed conditions in the State. However, efforts are being made to effect improvements in this respect.

The position of annual collection of electricity and water charges since 1988-89 is given below:

Year	Revenue receipts (Rs. in crores)	
	Power	Water Supply
1988-89	46.74	0.86
1989-90	24.60	0.58
1990-91	33.18	0.56
1991-92	36.02	0.52
1992-93	36.24	0.64
1993-94(RE)	50.00	0.53
1994-95(BE)	75.24	0.67

Deduction of income tax at source is being made regularly and being deposited through the AG. The activities of the Banks, including advancement of credit and recoveries, have been affected by the ongoing violence and the prevailing security situation in the Valley. Efforts are being made to reactivate the banking system. According to available information, the total deposits in the State (December 1993) were Rs. 2491.32

crores and outstandngs (credit) were Rs. 1183.00 crores.

Agreements Signed between India and USA

*736. SHRI VENKATRAM REDDY:
DR. SHRIKANT
RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the agreements which were signed between India and USA during the Prime Minister's recent visit to USA;

(b) what is in brief the nature of these agreements;

(c) in what manner these will be beneficial to India; and

(d) how far negotiations on extradition treaty between India and USA have progressed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) The two MOUs signed during PM's recent visit to the US are :

(i) MOU on Cooperative Measures to Increase Awareness and Support for Efforts to Combat Production, Distribution and Use of Illegal Drugs.

(ii) MOU on Planning, Conservation and Management of Natural and Cultural Heritage Sites.

(b) The MOU to combat illegal drugs envisages joint, cooperative, long-term programmes to raise awareness and build support for anti-narcotics activities to counter the production, distribution and consumption of illegal drugs.

The MOU on heritage sites envisages cooperation in environmental planning and design to enhance special environment and heritage sites of national and international significance through exchange of technical information, cooperative research, professional workshops, training etc.

(c) The MOU on illegal drugs would further Indo-US cooperation in the field of increasing awareness and support for efforts to combat narcotics trafficking. The adaptation modern techniques of mass communication and information exchanges would increase effectiveness of the measures undertaken by the two Governments. It would also encourage non-governmental and private sector organizations in their anti-drug activities.

The MOU on heritage sites would facilitate better planning, conservation and management of natural and cultural heritage sites on the basis of exchange of technical information, research, visitor services etc.

(d) Extradition arrangement between India and the US are governed at present by the Extradition Treaty concluded by the UK with the US on 22 December, 1931, acceded to on behalf of India on 9 March, 1942, and which continues to be in force since 1947. The first round of talks on a new Extradition Treaty between India and US were held from 28 September to 1 October, 1993 in New Delhi. A broad measure of agreement was reached on the text, with only a few issues remaining outstanding.

It is expected that a further round of negotiations will be held fairly soon with a view to resolving these remaining issues.

Recommendations of Swaminathan Committee

*737. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee headed by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, was appointed to review the progress of the Family Planning Programmes in the country;

(b) whether the Committee has